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SETTING UP OF MINORITY EDUCATION CELL
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has set up Minority Education Cell;

(b) the funds allocated for said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any specific scheme for the development of the minorities educational institutions of various linguistic areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds provided thereunder; and

(e) the protective measures taken for the minorities educational institutions in various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The minority education cell was set up in the year 1998.

(b) No funds have been allocated exclusively for the said purpose in any year.

(c) & (d) The following schemes have been formulated by the government for development of the minorities educational institutions:-

(i) Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities with the objective to provide basic infrastructure and facilities in areas of concentration of educationally backward minorities which do not have adequate provision for elementary and secondary education.

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	1800.00
2001-02	2000.00

(ii) Modernization of Madrasa Education with objective to encourage introduction of Science, Mathematics, Social studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum.

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	1200.00
2001-02	1050.00
2002-03#	2835.00
2003-04#	3150.00

The above two schemes have been combined as Areas Intensive and Madrasa Modernization Programme during Xth Plan.

(iii) Scheme of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation for development of educational infrastructure.

Year	Grant-in-aid Sanctioned (Rs. in crores)
2000-01	9.68
2001-02	9.35
2002-03	5.49
2003-04	5.00

(e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education has already issued policy norms and principles for recognition of minority managed educational institutions other than those meant exclusively for imparting religious instructions.